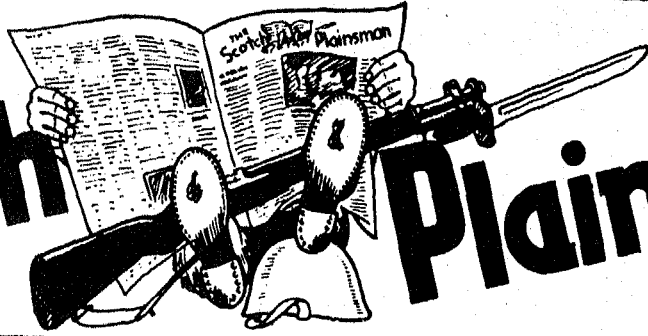


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NATION MOURNS DEATH



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Many words, far more adequate and fitting than any we can conceive, have been written about our late President. He lived to see that victory was certain. He died at his work. And all the United Nations of the world join his countrymen in blessing the fruits of his labor.

We offer this as our humble tribute to a great American whose concern for the under-privileged knew no boundaries and no distinctions of race, color or creed.

President Roosevelt gave his life for humanity and Ernie Pyle died championing GI Joe on all battle-fronts. The world lost two great men. We mourn their loss.

"No longer will the G I yell, 'HI-YA, ERNIE?'" That's what they used to cry when they saw him. In their throats this was more than a salutation. It was also a question - a question which came from their hearts and brightened their eyes. They really cared. They wanted him to be feeling fine. No other military figure held a higher place in their affections than did this unmilitary little man. They knew that in Ernie they had a friend. He has written his last 'copy', - marked with 30 which means the end to newspapermen everywhere."

5-Man Board Voted By Committee

A history-making incident developed when the Township Committee, on March 27th, by resolution voted to increase the membership of the governing body from a three man to a five man committee as required by the New Jersey Statutes. Seems that Jim Bell dug up a paragraph in the Statutes making a five man committee mandatory in townships with a population of more than 4500.

To fill the vacancies, Alex. Campbell, chairman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee, and sheriff of Union County, announced the candidacies of Floyd Werts (of the 3rd district) and Gordon R. Ehrlich (of the 4th district).

Mr. Werts, a member of the Board of Adjustment, was born in Pittston, Pa., in 1901, and has resided in Scotch Plains fifteen years. He will seek the three-year term. A graduate in industrial engineering from Pennsylvania State College in 1927, Mr. Werts became associated with the N. J. Bell Telephone Company that year and has been connected with the organization ever since. He is at present staff assistant on the general staff of that company.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, and resides with his wife, Mary, and their two children, Barbara Louise and Mary Carolyn at 214 William Street.

Mr. Ehrlich, who will seek the two-year term, resides at 2325 Marlboro Road, with his wife, Jessie, and a daughter, Jewel. Mr. Ehrlich was born in Newark and lived there until several years ago when he moved to Scotch Plains. He attended elementary and high school in that city and is now manager of the Queen City Auto Parts in Plainfield. He is a property owner in the 4th Election District, which has never had representation in the governing body; is of the Methodist faith, and a member of the Newark Elks.

W. Seward Lyon, as reported last month, will seek the Republican nomination for the seat which will be vacated at the end of the year by the present Township Committee chairman, George W. Jackson, who is not seeking renomination.

Opposing the candidacy of Mr. Ehrlich, Robert W. Smith filed a nominating petition for the two-year term. He resides at 1718 E. Front Street and has been a resident for five years. Born in Plainfield, he is a graduate of Plainfield High and is an air raid warden leader in zone 1. He has been active in War Bond drives.

COMMITTEES SERVE VETERAN UNDER GI BILL OF RIGHTS

Much has been done by towns throughout the country in coordinating efforts in behalf of returning service people and Scotch Plains and Fanwood are no exceptions. Foremost among such enterprises are Rehabilitation Committees, organized mainly to advise and help the veterans to take advantage of the Federal and State GI Bills of Rights and to familiarize them with the various entitlements.

The local organization, sponsored by Community Post 209, American Legion, includes many non-service people of the two towns.

Group 1, the first to contact service people upon their discharge, is the Headquarters Personnel and Interviewing Staff in charge of meeting and discussing each veteran's problem, hope and inspiration. It is their duty to make known the various entitlements that the bills provide and help to fill in the request forms that are required so that officials will have enough data to pass intelligently upon the vet's qualifications and possibility for success.

Group 2 is classed as Registration and Affiliation Assignment and has mostly to do with records, follow-up procedure and to pass on to the experts who have the "know-how" to make the application fit into the correct phases of the laws. It is more or less a follow-through committee.

Group 3 is W.P.B. Veteran Priorities and so on down the line including groups such as, Employment, Aptitude, Education Benefits and Dependancies, Loans and Business Advice, Insurance and Disability, Legal, Publicity and Red Cross.

In later articles a fuller explanation of the units will be set forth. The organization is geared to take care of 2000 cases. Representatives are present in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building each Monday night to welcome discharged veterans and several applications have been handled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Officials of both town governments are co-operating.

A "flying sailor" serving with the Navy Air Transport Service, Lt. Frank Henschel of 348 Park Avenue, was mentioned recently in a dispatch by New York Sun correspondent Gault MacGowan.

Describing his journey by air from this continent to England, MacGowan stated, "another expert crew which I encountered was skippered by Lt. Daniel Pardue of Arlington, Va., with Lt. Frank Henschel of Scotch Plains, N. J. as co-pilot. Lt. Henschel was one of the first flying sailors to arrive in Iceland."
